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WORLD DISASTERS

Famine Floods Pestilence Everywhere. Infernal Machines Rampant. Growing Worse

The famine on in far East and in sections of Continental Europe; floods in Europe and getting a fair start in this country, the ice destroying a million dollars worth of boats in the Ohio Tuesday; malignant diseases in Russia the result of starvation and unrest among the masses in every country of the world with social, political and religious upheavals inevitable. The peace party in Austria and the strikers in Germany may accomplish more for cessation of war than all the armies and diplomats. Charges that Britain shirks in the war and exorciation of Unions and the Irish by eminent English writers is offset by Austrian and German authorities who complain of their country's policies. Verily the world is in deep trouble.

The Telephone Question

A rather anomalous state of affairs in the matter of telephone service, when you have a phone and get what the two chief owners of franchises in this county are pleased to give you what they hand out for service, in this county. A squabble is on between the system managed by C. H. Munsell of Salisbury and the Prairie Hill Telephone Co. by which that section in and about Prairie Hill will lose out unless they give in, if the experience of the other little fish encountering big fish is a criterion.

The county seat has no connection with either Sumner, Marceline, Rothville or Glasgow except on toll system. We understand that possessors of phones at either of those places can talk to Keytesville citizens without extra charge. A fine state of affairs. Those responsible for the graft will push it too far and wake up to find an independent system put in all over the county. Grabbing one or two at a time small operators and putting them out of business is the effective plan of monopolies until they are squelched altogether. Then too, to stand for several minutes waiting for central to answer with your phone pressed to your ear and be knocked hearless when she explodes a bomb in your hearing apparatus, is conducive to cuss words.

Billups-Cupp

Miss Essie Cupp and Roy Billups were united in marriage by Rev. W. C. Whitehouse Sunday afternoon Jan. 20 at the home of the minister.

Stock Market

Kansas City

Top corn steers \$13.50, the highest of the season. Top hogs \$16.15, some higher. Lambs, top, \$17.10.

Thrash Bros. have closed out their Drug Store and will discontinue business. We trust these popular young men will remain here and engage in something worth while for the advancement of the town.

The teacher of grades 8 and 9 in our high school is out temporarily with either a case of small pox in a mild form or its first cousin. If we do not have an epidemic of small pox it will be because old and young are immune.

We have acquired the subscription list, good will, business and such of the equipment of the Chariton Recorder as met our increased needs and the publication of that newspaper in this city ends with this weeks issue. The subscribers for Chariton Courier and Chariton Recorder will have their time extended for the Courier to the date paid for each, that is to say, if he is paid a year ahead for each paper, he will get the Courier for 2 years, if paid 6 months ahead for each, he will get the Courier for 1 year, and so on. All subscribers for Chariton Recorder alone who are paid ahead, will get the Chariton Courier to the expiration of their subscription for the Recorder if they desire it. All who are not paid in advance for the Recorder will be dropped from the list.

We have said and we repeat that in no town about the size of any town in this county is there business sufficient to justify two good country papers. Numbers who do not patronize either do not do so because they feel they cannot afford to patronize both. Two papers are in some cases embarrassing to business men and subscribers and each suffers in consequence. The Recorder has had some of the most reputable editors and high class printers as owners, but not one of whom has, the devoting his best talents, long hours and hard labor to its publication and business, lost money and time. Mr. A. J. Byerly, the last to undertake to pilot the Recorder successfully is not only thoroughly conversant with newspaper work in every department, a forceful writer and expert printer and operator of the linotype, but he is a high minded, conscientious christian gentleman and an honorable competitor and a hustler. Even tho assisted by his wife who is not second to him as a writer and worker, the hard and continuous labor together with a climate unsuited to each of them was proving too much even had other conditions been favorable, and they resolved to leave the field of the Courier with whom they have hobnobbed on friendliest terms. We could not choose a more acceptable contemporary than the Recorder under its last management, and but for the fact that dividing the business between two left neither a fair return for his labor especially since the cost of everything entering into the printing business has mounted so high, we would express sincere regret because of their leaving. Mr. and Mrs. Byerly and their estimable family are the right sort of citizens for the improvement of any town or city, and we wish them health and success wherever they make their home.

Bad Nigger Arrested

Sheriff Hurt arrested Dan Robinson, a bad nigger, Monday. Dan is the gent who knocked jailer Steve Hardin out and escaped from jail here several years ago. He is wanted at Des Moines, Ia., for a murderous assault on a government time keeper at Camp Dodge, Ia., about last August. Dan got away and has managed to keep out of sight until Monday, when Sheriff Hurt spotted him in town and took him in. A message from Reed, Government Marshall at Des Moines, said hold the Coon and Hurt will do so until an officer arrives for him. \$50.00 reward.

Run your ads in the Courier have good weather and roads and you will like results.

Conscription -- of Money

A reader of the Republic wants to know what we think of the prospects for success of the next Liberty Loan. Another asks about the lagging sale of thrift stamps, which, after 30 days' vigorous pushing, have not brought in enough to pay our war expenses for two days.

We know no more about these things than our correspondents. But one thing we do know.

Unless there is an immediate and very noticeable loosening up of purse strings to meet necessary war expenses, the Government before many months will have to conscript money, just as it conscripted the young manhood of the nation, and just as it took possession of the railroads.

Nor does this mean taking from the rich alone. It means that every income, every reservoir of stored or hidden wealth will be tapped. Salaries, rents and interest, obligations of all kinds, will be paid partly in stamps or Government bonds. Estates, savings banks and insurance companies will invest a designated part of their funds in securities issued by Uncle Sam.

The farmer who sends a load of cattle, hogs or sheep to market, or who sells his corn, wheat or cotton, will receive a certain per cent of the proceeds in bonds, whether he asks for them or not.

MORAL: Do Your Duty Voluntarily.

St. Louis Republic Monday.

Wedding Bells

Mr. Frank John Schwalje and Miss Goldie Friesz were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the home of the bride's parents, at 2 o'clock p. m. Monday, Jan. 28th. Mr. Schwalje was the proprietor of the Keytesville bakery until last fall, when he was called into the army to do his best for our country. He has since been at Camp Funston. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Friesz and is one of our most esteemed young people. Those present were her parents, her two brothers, Henry and John, with their wives and families. The words which made them one, were said by the bride's pastor, Rev. R. T. Mathews, D. D. of the Presbyterian church, of which she is a member. May their days be long, happy and prosperous, is the wish of their many friends.

What Smileage Is

Smileage is a plan of entertainment for soldiers in all cantonments and training camps in the United States. The leading chautauqua, theatrical and other amusement interests have banded together to co-operate with the government to furnish clean, wholesome entertainment in each training camp. Liberty theaters, chautauqua tents and auditoriums have been constructed for this purpose. A definite schedule of entertainments has been arranged. These are given at absolute cost; that is a soldier can go to this Liberty Theatre and see the very highest class entertainment at a cost ranging from five to twenty-five cents. Admission is gained by Smileage Coupons, which are issued in booklets. The \$1.00 booklet contains 20 coupons, the \$5.00 book contains 100 coupons. The proceeds from the sale of these books goes to maintain the entertainments. The entire proposition is without profit to anyone.

The number of cars loaded with coal and food stuffs on the several railroad sidings in this county is significant.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Meyer have moved from Joplin to Kansas City and Louis is a motor-man and likes his job very much.

John M. Gibson has been snow bound at Elsberry so long and wants to see his ranch so bad that he is working up a grouch against ye Editor and Senator Stone; long distance, however and subject to revision.

O. E. S. Officers

At the Order Eastern Star election in Brunswick last week, Mrs. L. A. Kinkhorst was installed W. M., Dr. J. L. Keen, W. P., Mrs. L. E. Merrill A. M., Mrs. J. L. Keen, Conductress, Mrs. O. F. Parker, Associate Conductress, O. K. Benecke, Trsr., Mrs. Wm. Shaw, Secty., Mrs. L. H. Herring, Adah, Mrs. Sam Sherman, Ruth, Mrs. H. E. Tatum, Esther, Miss Beatrice Watkins, Martha, Mrs. J. E. Foggin, Electra, Mrs. H. E. Elliott, Warder and Wm. H. Shaw, Sentinel.

Mrs. Thaxton, Past Matron of Randolph Chapter and Mrs. Ed Mulligan, W. M., of Moberly conducted the installation. A splendid banquet was served at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

Disloyal German Arrested

John Reinwald of Brunswick charged with disloyal utterances, was arrested last week by a deputy United States Marshal and taken to St. Louis.

It is said that Reinwald was given to remarks derogatory of President Wilson and wishing that Germany would win the war and was desirous that his sentiments be known.

Marriage Licenses

Jas. Rafferty, Hamden and Mary Stinson, Musselfork.

A. F. Knight, Brunswick and Gladys A. Mitchell, Keytesville.

Jno. A. Schwalje and Goldie Friesz Keytesville.

Loren H. Pierce, Brunswick and Pearl Goodhat, DeWitt.

Methodist Church

The pastor will preach at both hours Sunday. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

Milton C. Davis, Pastor.

Four of the jr. and sr. unit worked Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bond helped Miss McCaul get them started. They made 26 gauze compresses in just a short time.

Diat. deputy Masonic Grand Lodge Horace Mann of Brunswick was here working with members of the local lodge Monday and Monday night.

Fine snow Sunday and Monday a most beautiful winter day but Tuesday morning 13 to 18 below, yet a beautiful Norway winter day. By night the mercury stood at 20 above and Wednesday morning 4 below here.

Mrs. James G. Waugh

The death of Mrs. J. G. Waugh, January 8, 1918, created an irreparable break in the home and family life and carried a note of sorrow to the entire community where she lived and was greatly loved and respected. She was born in Cumberland county, Virginia, September 3, 1849, and came to Missouri with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Stratton, when eight years of age. Since that time she lived almost continuously in or near Rothville. From early life she was a member of the Rothville Baptist church and a faithful attendant on its services.

Mrs. Waugh's outstanding characteristics were those inspired of the true Christian at all times: Faith, Hope, and Charity. She was unshakable in her faith and her charitable love and patience of humanity gave her a distinctive glory and charm rare in these times. Her nature was the generous kind that shares its graciousness with others. Those of us who were fortunate enough to meet her often best know the helpfulness of her counsel and the inspiration of her unselfish life. Her last lingering illness was borne with wonderful cheerfulness and Christian fortitude. — Bee.

High School Notes

The Pioneer was issued Tuesday.

Anna Ruth Burns was absent Friday afternoon.

Zettie Sneed has been out of school this week.

Hulda Taylor was absent from school this week.

Lynn Miller has been on the sick list this week.

Virginia Wood and Eunice Reyburn came back to school Monday.

Nellie Rice is in school again after two weeks absence on account of sickness.

Daily Dotson, graduate of the class of '17, visited H. S. Monday morning.

Miss Jo came back Tuesday and the seventh and eighth grades went down stairs.

We are indeed sorry to lose from our H. S. Martin Courtney. He has moved to Salisbury.

The Gabeshwin Camp Fire are going to have a ceremonial meeting at Pearlita Latham's Thursday night.

The H. S. pupils were glad to get to take their regular seats again Tuesday after two weeks of crowding up.

Emma Clifton Rucker and Roosevelt Edwards were elected paper gathers Thursday for the next two weeks.

Two more K. H. S. boys have joined the colors. Courtney Miller and James Rucker have joined the ambulance corps.

Seven more stars are to be added to our service flag. Some are those who were accidentally overlooked before and others are for new ones entering the service.

"Mutt" Mason, a former K. H. S. student and Mr. Greene, both of Salisbury visited our school Friday afternoon. They were being examined for the army.

Assembly was called the first thing Tuesday morning instead of the regular time. Mr. Lond said it was only just that we should give Courtney Miller a good send-off. We sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and gave yells for him and "Lick the Kaiser."

THE EUROPEAN WAR

Strikes and Battles in Berlin Airplanes Range Far Americans Fight

Socialists and laborers are causing serious trouble in Berlin. Munitions factories idle and cry for peace and food growing in Germany.

Airplanes thick over London and Paris and many casualties. Several planes brot down. Italians advancing and holding gains. Two Americans killed and several wounded in German attack. Ambassador Frances has cabled that his life has been threatened in Petrograd.

Salisbury Scribbles

Genevieve Gallemore is on the sick list.

Our medical board is looking 'em over again.

Mrs. Ella Moredock is visiting her sister-in-law in Shelbyna.

We are glad to welcome Reub Hunker and family home again.

Mr. Etherton has purchased the Baier homestead and moved in.

Robt. Bentley, the soldier, spent the week end with home-folks.

Tom Copeland is moving to town and Robert will move out to the farm, we learn.

J. C. Doney is on the sick list this week, but we did not learn the nature of his malady.

Lewis Stender and wife are visiting in Hugo, Colo. and may decide to locate in that country.

A new girl arrived at the home of Milam Richardson Saturday and came to stay. All welcome her.

The Woman Suffrage debate at the Christian church Sunday afternoon was spirited and the ladies won.

Circuit court convenes here next week with about the usual grist. No case of special importance is on the docket. We have not heard whether a grand jury will be called.

Mrs. Winn Beckelheimer and daughter left for Washington Friday, where they will join the husband and father, and the family will them proceed to Porto Rico where he has a government job.

While gathering up an arm load of wood, in the wood house Monday, Miss Laura Johnson was badly injured about the feet and ankles by the falling of a tall rick of stove wood. She is on the way to recovery.

W. J. Atterbery carpenter, fell on the ice in front of the Christian church Sunday morning, cutting a gash in the back of his head, and badly wrenching his back. He was picked up and taken to a drug store where his injuries received attention and then taken home.

Mrs. Mary D. Higbee, DeWitt, Mo., calls our attention to some tall knitting she has been doing for the Red Cross. In one month she knit twelve pairs of socks and one sweater. She thinks this is going some. Old citizens will remember her as Mary D. Cook, daughter of Wm. Cook.

Salisbury will have school six days each week beginning next week. The object is to shorten the term so that 40 or 50 boys can be released earlier for farm work.

Water works are needed now, and may be need worse later on.